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SUBJECT: FAC BRIEFING FOR SAHEL TASK FORCE DAYLAND, AGRICULTURE
AND LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS AND MIT GROUP

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1. FAC UNDERTOOK ORGANIZATION OF EXTENSIVE AND EXCEPTIONALLY WELL
PREPARED BRIEFINGS FOR SUBJECT TECHNICAL EXPERTS BEGINNING FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21 WITH FULL DAY OF COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY REVIEWS. ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24 GROUP WAS DIVIDED IN TWO WITH SMALL GROUP OF 4 DISCUSSING

LIVESTOCK AND LARGER GROUP DISCUSSING AGRICULTURE. LIVESTOCK GROUP
HAD LUNCH WITH FAC AND IEMVT TECHNICIANS AND THEN SPENT AFTERNOON
WITH IEMVT (FRENCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL VETERINARY MEDICINE).
MIT GROUP WAS HOSTED AT LUNCH BY SEDES AND THEN SPENT AFTERNOON
WITH SEDES. ONE MIT MEMBER PARTICIPATED WITH THE LIVESTOCK GROUP
AND ONE IN AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS. MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION BEGAN
WITH OUTLINE OF FRAMEWORK OF FRENCH AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

WORKING IN AFRICA, I.E., OBRSTOM, WHICH IS MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TECHNICAL

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INSTITUTE AND GERDAT, WHICH IS GROUPING OF 8 TROPICAL AGRICULTURAL

RESEARCH INSTITUTES. DISCUSSION THEN RETURNED TO AGRICULTURE FOR REMAINDER AFTERNOON. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, TRIP WAS ORGANIZED TO BRGM (HYDROLOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN ORLEANS) WHERE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE BRIEFING ON FRENCH HYDROLOGICAL EXPERIENCE IN WEST AFRICA. FEI AND KLEIN HAD LUNCH WITH AUDIBERT AND STAFF (REPORTED SEPTEL). MIT PERSONNEL MET WITH PERRIER (MEMBER OF CABINET OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COOPERATION DENIAU WHO NOW HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAHEL PROBLEMS OTHER THAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE) AND AUDIBERT. THIS MEETING WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SEPTEL MMN MIT VISIT.

IN ADDITION MEETINGS WERE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY FOR SAHEL TASK FOR PROGRAM PERSONNEL WITH BCEAO (WEST AFRICAN MONETARY UNION), CAISSE CENTRALE (FRENCH DEVELOPMENT LOAN AGENCY) AND IRFED IRAM (AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS SPECIALIZING IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN LDC'S). MEETINGS WERE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR SELECT TECHNICIANS AND FOR MIT GROUP ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THEREAFTER WITH ORSTOM AND INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES. MEETINGS WERE NOT REQUESTED WITH BDPA (PEANUTS) CFDT (COTTON) AND SATEC, BUT FIELD HEADQUARTERS THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE CONTACTED BY SAHEL TASKS FORCE DURING WEST AFRICAN VISIT. DRS. ROSENBERG AND BAGLEY TRAVELLED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 TO GENEVA TO COMPLETE THEIR INVESTIGATION. DRS. SIEFORT AND SOUSSOU REMAINING PARIS THROUGH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3. PICARDI, MIT WILL TRAVEL TO ROME MEET WITH FAO NEXT WEEK. FINAL MIT/SEDES MEETING SCHEDULED LATE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

2. QUALITY OF BRIEFING HAS BEEN EXCELLENT; ON BOTH TECHNICAL AND POLICY LEVEL FRENCH HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY FORTHCOMING. SEPARATE COMMENTS OF TECHNICIANS WILL BE SYNTHESIZED AND SENT TO AID/W AND FIELD POSTS. IRWIN

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